#### Welcome to Sumiyoshi Ward!

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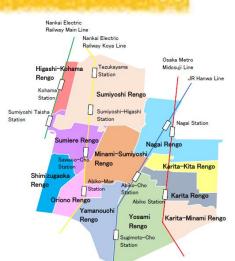
### Let's Join the Neighborhood Association!

In Sumiyoshi Ward, we aim to be a safe and comfortable place to live where we value connections, watching over and supporting each other. Sumiyoshi Ward is made up of 12 Neighborhood Unions with a total of 135 Neighborhood Associations. Each association and union holds various events and activities so that everyone can live safely in the community and with peace of mind.

Scan the QR code to check your local neighborhood association



Sumiyoshi Ward Office Homepage





For information on how to join your local neighborhood association, please contact them directly or the following;;

[Enquiries]Osaka City Sumiyoshi Ward Locality Promotion Secretariat

Tel:06-6657-7997

Opening times: Monday ~ Thursday 9:00 ~ 16:00

[Ward Office Enquiries] Sumiyoshi Ward Office, Locality Department, Floor 3 Counter 36

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# 1.17 Solidarity In The Community Saved My Life That Day

#### The important things are self-reliance and mutual cooperation

On the day of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, January 17 1995 (Death Toll: 6,434), about 35,000 people were trapped under buildings and could not escape on their own. About 23% were rescued by the Self-Defense Forces, firefighters and police. The remaining 77% were rescued by family members and local residents. After a disaster occurs, firefighters, police, and the Self-Defense Forces may not rush to the scene immediately. Family members and local residents are the ones who can confirm the safety of people and support those who need assistance when evacuating, such as people with disabilities, the elderly, and children. Furthermore, it is the people of the community, mainly the neighborhood association who open and operate the evacuation centers. In other words, the spirit of protecting oneself (Self-reliance) and the spirit of protecting your town (Mutual cooperation) are important.

So how about taking the first step to joining the neighborhood association so we can help each other in times of need?



Main Contributors to Relief Efforts During
The Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake

Firefighters, Police, Self-Defence Forces About 23%

> Neighbourhood Residents About 77%



By handing out leaflets and meals, we get to know each other!





These collaborations are important for mitigating the damage done by disasters.

Self-Reliance: Protecting you and your familiy's life by relying on each other.

Mutual Cooperation: Help each other in the community

Public Assistance: Measures taken by government agencies of the country and city



~Preparing for disasters as a community~



The Uemachi Faultzone Earthquake and The Nankai Trough

Megathrust Earthquake will occur someday in the future, so at that

time the community will be there to support you and your dear family.